

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-35. (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) A snap fastening fixing a thin wall, such as a housing wall, door leaf, or shutter, which is provided with an opening, to a wall support, such as a housing frame, door frame, wall opening edge, which is likewise provided with an opening, comprising:

a base part that can be arranged at the wall support in its opening;

a head part which extends away from the base part and which has a diameter that initially increases and then decreases again in its longitudinal section from an end of the head part in direction of the base part;

said head part being a male-plug-in part which, by overcoming a spring force acting radially outward in direction of the diameter, can be received by an undercut female plug-in part that is formed or carried by the opening of the thin wall;

said head part having a guide or channel to accommodate at least two push elements or holding elements which are pushed by at least one spring into a position in which they project out over the end of the guide or channel;

ends of the push elements or holding elements projecting from the guide or channel being triangular or ball-shaped in a projection plane extending perpendicular to the thin wall;

said base part being formed with a plate which overlaps the longitudinal edges of the opening in the thin wall; and

said snap fastening having an additional base part with an additional head part, said additional base part and head part having substantially the same construction as the other base part and head part, said base parts lying at opposite sides of said base plate so as to function as a connector between the thin wall and the wall support, said snap fastening is shaped in such a way that one set of base part and head part is self-locking in an insertion direction against the spring force and engages the edges of one of the openings of one of the thin walls or the wall support by the ends of the push elements or holding elements so as to cover the contacting edges of said opening and the other set of base part and head part is received on the other opening of the other of

the thin wall or wall support to cover the contacting edges of said other opening, therefore maintaining the connection between the thin wall and the support wall.

37. (cancelled)

38. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein the base plate of the head part is formed or carried by the web of the base part.

39. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein the base part has a greater longitudinal extension than the head part and, with its web, forms support shoulders for the thin wall.

40. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein the free ends of the holding or push elements of the base part have an asymmetric roof shape such that the base part can be inserted into a suitable opening in a thin wall or wall support by inserting the longitudinally displaceable holding or push elements while guiding the part of the roof shape with the flatter inclination, but a backward movement while guiding the steeper part of the roof is impossible because the holding or push elements are self-locking in their guide.

41. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein a tool such as a key which is capable of pulling back the holding and push elements against the spring force by turning it can be inserted from the front and/or back into the housing comprising the self-locking snap fastening.

42-51. (cancelled)

52. (previously presented) A drawer or rack with a front plate and a receptacle, wherein the front plate is the thin wall and the drawer receptacle is the wall support according to claim 36, and further comprising at least one snap fastening according to claim 36.

53. (previously presented) A cabinet with a thin wall and a wall support according to claim 36, and provided with at least one snap fastening according to claim 36.

54. (previously presented) A cabinet according to claim 53, wherein one or more handles or recessed grips are arranged in openings in the thin wall in which a snap fastening similar to that of the base part according to claim 36 engages.

55. (previously presented) A cabinet according to claim 54, wherein the thin wall has webs with openings for receiving the symmetrically roof-shaped ends of the non-self-locking snap fastening according to claim 36.

56-61. (cancelled)

62. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein the base part is secured by screw bolts.

63. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 36, wherein the base part is formed with fastening holes.

64. (cancelled)

65. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 64, wherein the base part is a side of a pressed metal profile.

66. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 64, wherein the base part is a side of a rolled sheet-metal profile.

67. (previously presented) The snap fastening according to claim 64, wherein the base part is a side of an injection-molded plastic profile.

68. (cancelled)

69-70. (cancelled)